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The Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

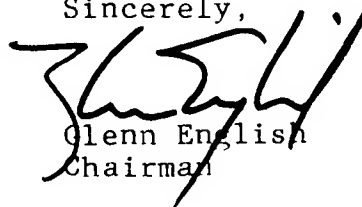
I congratulate you and the members of the Central Intelligence Agency's Freedom of Information Act staff for the progress reflected in the fourth and final report filed under the requirements of the CIA Information Act of 1984. The reductions that have been achieved in both the backlog of FOIA requests and in the average response time are sizable.

I am especially pleased to learn that the CIA's commitment to improving the processing of FOIA requests will continue. Perfecting FOIA operations remains a high priority issue for the Subcommittee, and we will be continuing our oversight in the next Congress.

I suggest that the CIA keep on compiling information on backlogs and average response times that has been included in the semiannual reports filed under the CIA Information Act. It would be of great assistance to the Subcommittee if this information were routinely included in the report filed annually under the FOIA.

The improvements made to date fulfill the promises made at the time the original legislation was passed.

Sincerely,


Glenn English
Chairman